

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 91-108 are pending in the application, with 91 and 100 being the independent claims. Claims 1-90 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 91-108 are sought to be added. Support for new claims 91-108 can be found throughout the specification and in claims 1, 14 and 68-71, of the application as filed. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, both of which are submitted herewith, are the same. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(g), the paper copy of the Sequenc Listing and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing contain no new matter.

Previous Election/Restriction Requirement

Pending claims 91-108 correspond to the invention of Group II, as described in the Office Action dated January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 7), for the parent application, Appl. No. 09/947,387, filed September 7, 2001.

Applicants submit that the application is fully in condition for examination.

An early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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